(viii) reduction of gas flaring

(ix) encouraging Mass Rapid Transport systems

(x) environmental quality management for all sectors.

(d) Developed Countries *e.g.*, USA Japan and other Annex I Parties have quantified emission reduction obligations while developing countries like India, China and other have no emission reduction obligation under the Convention.

(e) and (f) Negotiations on the issues relating to Finance and Technology Transfer among others are underway under the Bali Action Plan. The forthcoming Conference of Parties (CoP) in Copenhagen, Denmark is expected to reach an agreed outcome on these issues.

Monitoring committee for protection of tigers

†1875. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) set up by Government for the protection of tigers had entrusted the work pertaining to protection of tigers to a monitoring committee in the month of September last year;

(b) the details of the improvement made by the committee in this area; and

(c) the number of tigers in the country, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) A Monitoring Committee was constituted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in September, 2008, for overseeing the village relocation process to suggest monitoring benchmarks, apart from providing inputs for eco-tourism to benefit fringe dwellers outside the core/critical tiger habitats, and people relocated from such areas.

(c) As per the findings of the recent All India tiger estimation in 2008 using the refined methodology, the total country-level population of tiger is 1411 (mid value); the lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The State-wise tiger population and area of tiger occupied landscapes are given in the Statement.

Statement

Forest occupancy and population estimates of tiger as per the refined methodology

State	Tiger km^2	Tiger Numbers		
		No.	Lower limit	Upper limit
1	2	3	4	5
Shivalik-Gangetic Plain Landscape Complex				
Uttarakhand	1901	178	161	195

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5
Uttar Pradesh	2766	109	91	127
Bihar	510	10	7	13
Shivalik-Gangetic	5177	297	259	335
Central Indian Landscape Complex and Eastern Ghats Landscape Complex				
Andhra Pradesh	14126	95	84	107
Chhattisgarh	3609	26	23	28
Madhya Pradesh	15614	300	236	364
Maharashtra	4273	103	76	131
Orissa	9144	45	37	53
Rajasthan	356	32	30	35
Jharkhand**	1488	Not Assessed		
Central India	48610	601	486	718
Western Ghats Landscape Complex				
Karnataka	18715	290	241	339
Kerala	6168	46	39	53
Tamil Nadu	9211	76	56	95
Western Ghats	34094	412	336	487
North East Hills and Brahmaputra Flood Plains.				
Assam*	1164	70	60	80
Arunachal Pradesh*	1685	14	12	18
Mizoram*	785	6	4	8
Northern West Bengal*	596	10	8	12
North-East Hills, and Brahmaputra	4230	100	84	118
Sunderbans	1586	Not Assessed		
TOTAL TIGER POPULATION		1411	1165	1657

*Population estimates are based on possible density of tiger occupied landscape in the area, not assessed by double sampling.

**Data was not amenable to population estimation of tiger. However, available information about the landscape indicates low densities of tiger in the area ranging from 0.5 to 1.5 per 100 km^2.